

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant submits the following as its Amendment and Response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2007. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-19 were pending. The Examiner rejected Claims 1-5, 8-9 and 11-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Main et al. (U.S. 5,533,661), and Claims 6-7, 10 and 15-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 1 and 15 are currently amended with the filing of this paper.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview conducted on January 9, 2008. Applicant acknowledges that claims 1 and 15 were discussed with the Examiner in relation to the prior art of record, and proposed amendments to those claims were also discussed. In light of the discussions between Applicant and Examiner, amendments have been made to independent claims 1 and 15.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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